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Sensors scientist elected SPIE secretary

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Dr. Paul F. McManamon, Air Force Research Laboratory's Sensors Directorate was elected as the 2004 secretary for the International Society for Optical Engineering (SPIE) in August.

McManamon is a senior scientist for infrared sensors, currently serving as a member of the scientific and technical cadre of senior executives. He served more than two and a half years as acting chief scientist for avionics and was the technical lead for more than 500 engineers.

The newly elected secretary has participated in three Air Force Scientific Advisory Board summer studies and is currently developing multi-discriminate electro-optical countermeasure systems.

McManamon received a bachelor's degree in physics from John Carroll University, and both his master's degree and doctorate from The Ohio State University.

Prior to the election, McManamon was named a SPIE Fellow. Fellows are members of distinction who have made significant scientific and technical contributions in the fields of optics, photonics and imaging.

He served on the SPIE Board of Directors from 1999-2002. As secretary, he will re-join the board and become a member of the Executive Committee. The board and its executive committee establish policy and strategy, assure that the society bylaws are followed, and approve the budgets for expenditure of society resources.

In his new capacity, he will approve the budgets and spending of society resources and make sure the society bylaws are followed in the manner of society business.

"I am really excited about being elected as secretary of SPIE. It is a great organization that continues to find ways to serve the technical community," McManamon said. "I enjoyed my first three years on the Board of SPIE and very much look forward to the challenge the next four years have in store for me."

The International Society for Optical Engineering was founded in 1955, to bring together engineers from several technical disciplines involved in high-speed, optically based test and measurement. @